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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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## Farm Numbers Continue Decline

Nebraska's number of farms and ranches declined during 2006 continuing the downward trend. The number of farms and ranches in the State is 47,600, down 400 or less than 1 percent from 2005. Land in farms and ranches in Nebraska totaled 45.7 million acres. The average size of operation increased to 960 acres, up 8 acres from a year earlier.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2006 is estimated at 2.09 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2005. Total land in farms and ranches in the United States, at 932.4 million acres, decreased 780 thousand acres. The average size of operation was 446 acres during 2006, an increase of one acre from the previous year.

**Number of Farms and Land in Farms: Nebraska and United States, 1997-2006<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Nebraska			United States		
	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1997	55,000	46,400	844	2,190,510	956,010	436
1998	55,000	46,400	844	2,192,330	952,080	434
1999	54,000	46,300	857	2,187,280	948,460	434
2000	52,000	46,100	887	2,166,780	945,080	436
2001	50,000	46,000	920	2,148,630	942,070	438
2002	49,400	45,900	929	2,135,360	940,300	440
2003	48,500	45,900	946	2,126,860	938,650	441
2004	48,300	45,800	948	2,112,970	936,295	443
2005	48,000	45,700	952	2,098,690	933,210	445
2006	47,600	45,700	960	2,089,790	932,430	446

<sup>1</sup> A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2006 Summary, February 2007

**Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2006**

Economic Sales Class	Number of Farms						Land in Farms					
	Nebraska			United States			Nebraska			United States		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<i>1,000</i>						<i>1,000 Acres</i>					
\$1,000-\$9,999	12.6	12.5	12.1	1,181.2	1,166.3	1,153.9	1.5	1.5	1.5	120.9	118.2	114.7
\$10,000-\$99,999	18.4	17.7	17.7	599.3	596.0	597.4	10.1	9.1	9.1	266.6	260.7	258.9
\$100,000-\$249,999	9.1	8.9	8.7	167.0	167.1	166.2	12.0	11.5	11.2	193.7	192.3	191.4
\$250,000-\$499,999	4.7	4.9	5.0	89.0	89.8	91.0	10.1	10.2	10.2	151.4	152.2	154.1
\$500,000 & Over	3.5	4.0	4.1	76.5	79.4	81.4	12.1	13.4	13.7	203.8	209.9	213.4

Source: USDA NASS Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2006 Summary, February 2007

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, January 1 Inventory, and Marketings,  
By Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 2005-2006 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Number of Lots									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Arizona					<sup>2</sup> 3	<sup>2</sup> 3	3	3	6	6
California	4	4	4	5	6	6	7	6	21	21
Colorado	76	62	52	50	14	13	12	13	*154	138
Idaho	19	17	21	22	<sup>2</sup> 5	<sup>2</sup> 6			45	45
Iowa	310	300	<sup>2</sup> 30	<sup>2</sup> 35					340	335
Kansas	69	60	87	81	32	33	32	31	220	205
Nebraska	530	530	198	199	32	30	10	11	770	770
New Mexico			<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 4	2	2	2	2	8	8
Oklahoma	3	3	12	11	3	3	6	6	24	23
So. Dakota	138	141	<sup>2</sup> 26	<sup>2</sup> 27					164	168
Texas	11	11	38	38	32	32	49	49	130	130
Washington	<sup>2</sup> 7	<sup>2</sup> 7	<sup>2</sup> 6	<sup>2</sup> 6			3	3	16	16
Other Sts	240	240	<sup>2</sup> 60	60					300	300
United States	1,402	1,370	534	534	*136	135	126	126	*2,198	2,165

State	Inventory - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Arizona					<sup>2</sup> 28	<sup>2</sup> 28	306	306	334	334
California	4	4	15	22	114	120	417	404	550	550
Colorado	57	55	200	200	270	270	553	575	1,080	1,100
Idaho	15	13	103	85	<sup>2</sup> 157	<sup>2</sup> 162			275	260
Iowa	385	355	<sup>2</sup> 125	<sup>2</sup> 165					510	520
Kansas	85	75	455	450	590	655	1,370	1,360	2,500	2,540
Nebraska	475	500	940	1,000	590	580	425	460	2,430	2,540
New Mexico			<sup>2</sup> 13	<sup>2</sup> 11	34	27	96	98	143	136
Oklahoma	3	4	53	46	68	72	246	228	370	350
So. Dakota	99	114	<sup>2</sup> 106	111					205	225
Texas	13	11	247	224	560	575	2,100	2,060	2,920	2,870
Washington	<sup>2</sup> 15	<sup>2</sup> 15	<sup>2</sup> 52	<sup>2</sup> 55			85	114	152	184
Other Sts	145	160	<sup>2</sup> 190	<sup>2</sup> 205					335	365
United States	1,283	1,292	2,372	2,447	2,438	2,522	5,711	5,713	11,804	11,974

State	Cattle Marketed - 1,000 Head									
	1,000-3,999		4,000-15,999		16,000-31,999		32,000 and Over		1,000+ Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Arizona					<sup>2</sup> 33	<sup>2</sup> 34	312	303	345	337
California	5	6	15	22	125	160	562	572	707	760
Colorado	90	85	335	310	420	390	1,140	1,150	1,985	1,935
Idaho	29	28	229	191	<sup>2</sup> 358	<sup>2</sup> 323			616	542
Iowa	575	570	<sup>2</sup> 205	<sup>2</sup> 258					780	828
Kansas	140	135	830	855	1,240	1,390	3,070	3,020	5,280	5,400
Nebraska	840	870	1,770	1,870	1,100	1,115	710	780	4,420	4,635
New Mexico			<sup>2</sup> 23	<sup>2</sup> 18	74	56	116	152	213	226
Oklahoma	7	7	95	95	130	135	495	495	727	732
So. Dakota	190	186	<sup>2</sup> 213	<sup>2</sup> 239					403	425
Texas	20	25	475	470	1,030	1,070	4,230	4,210	5,755	5,775
Washington	<sup>2</sup> 26	<sup>2</sup> 22	<sup>2</sup> 140	<sup>2</sup> 97			211	196	377	315
Other Sts	220	230	<sup>2</sup> 344	<sup>2</sup> 337					564	567
United States	2,118	2,144	4,389	4,486	4,574	4,758	11,091	11,089	22,172	22,477

\*Revised. <sup>1</sup> Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year. The United States totals show the actual number of feedlots, inventory, and number of animals marketed in each size group. The sum of the numbers shown by State under a specified size group may or may not add to the United States total for that size group since for some States size groups are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations. <sup>2</sup> Lots, inventory, and marketings from other size groups are included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed February 23, 2007

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity,  
Nebraska and United States,  
January 2007 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Jan 2007 Percent of	
		Jan 2006	Dec 2006
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle	581.1	105	111
Hogs	623.2	102	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	604.2	105	108
United States			
Cattle	2,798.5	106	107
Calves	74.3	134	109
Hogs	9,365.5	105	105
Sheep & Lambs	216.7	97	97
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,092.3	105	106

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, February 23, 2007

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,  
United States, January 2007 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	Jan 2007 Percent of	
		Jan 2006	Dec 2006
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	973,566	96	103
Beef	465,099	100	96
Pork	486,191	92	110
Poultry	999,907	84	103
Turkey	304,268	117	139
Chicken	690,869	75	92

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, February 22, 2007

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and  
United States, January 2007 with Comparisons**

Item	2006	2007	2007/2006
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.9	11.5	96
United States	349.7	347.1	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	265	265	100
United States	6,622	6,535	99
Chickens Hatched, January			
United States			
Egg-type	35.4	36.9	104
Broiler	804.1	797.1	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, February 27, 2007

**Hard White Winter Wheat**

Of the total hard white winter wheat acreage reported for 2007, the two most common varieties planted were Antelope and Platte.

**Hard White Winter Wheat:  
Percent of Planted Acreage, Nebraska, 2003-2007**

Variety	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	<i>Percent</i>				
All White Varieties	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.0	1.5

**Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary February 2007 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Feb 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Jan 2007 <sup>1</sup>	Feb 15, 2007	Feb 2006 <sup>1</sup>	Jan 2007 <sup>1</sup>	Feb 15, 2007	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.73	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.66	\$ 4.54	\$ 4.66	44	\$10.60
Corn	Bushels	1.94	3.04	3.25	2.02	3.05	3.32	43	7.81
Oats	Bushels	1.83	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	1.82	2.19	2.19	50	4.38
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.20	5.98	6.25	3.40	6.31	6.67	50	13.30
Soybeans	Bushels	5.42	6.21	6.60	5.67	6.38	6.83	39	17.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	51.00	92.00	95.00	95.80	112.00	114.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	52.00	93.00	96.00	98.40	115.00	117.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	47.00	82.00	83.00	88.60	102.00	105.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	16.60	22.20	23.10	17.40	22.70	23.80	43	55.40
Hogs	Cwt.	44.30	44.60	49.60	42.60	42.70	46.60	39	119.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	44.60	44.90	49.90	43.20	43.40	47.40		
Sows	Cwt.	31.50	31.50	33.80	31.20	29.80	31.80		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	96.60	89.30	89.40	92.40	84.30	85.80	41	207.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	98.00	90.70	90.70	97.60	89.80	90.70		
Cows	Cwt.	49.90	44.70	47.60	49.50	44.40	46.50		
Calves	Cwt.	145.00	115.00	113.00	143.00	115.00	115.00	39	297.00
Sheep	Cwt.	44.20	32.00		45.90	37.10			99.70
Lambs	Cwt.	92.00	84.50		97.80	96.50			242.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for February 2007. <sup>3</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, February 28, 2007

# Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2005-2006<sup>1</sup>

State and Year	Number of Colonies	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks <sup>2</sup> Dec. 15	Average Price Per Pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2005						
Nebraska	40	68.0	2,720	2,530	82.0	2,230
United States	2,413	72.4	174,818	62,478	91.8	160,428
2006						
Nebraska	47	73.0	3,431	3,843	104.0	3,568
United States	2,392	64.7	154,846	60,528	104.2	161,314

<sup>1</sup> For producers with 5 or more colonies. <sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers. <sup>3</sup> Prices weighted by sales.

Source: USDA NASS Honey, February 28, 2007

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